

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 03-49

May 15, 2003

Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England for authorization to carry on its business in the Town of Oxford, Massachusetts pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 30.

On May 8, 2003, Boston Gas Company d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England ("KeySpan" or "Company") filed a petition for authority to carry on its business in the Town of Oxford ("Oxford"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 30. KeySpan proposes to expand its service territory to Oxford, which currently is not served by another gas company in active operation. The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition. The hearing will take place on Friday, June 13, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. An evidentiary hearing will follow immediately thereafter.

The Company's petition is available for inspection at the offices of the Department, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m, or from the Company's attorney, Thomas P. O'Neill, Senior Counsel, Boston Gas Company d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England, 52 Second Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451, tel. (781) 466-5136.

Any person who desires to file written comments or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall file an original and two (2) copies of such written comments or petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, and serve one copy on the Company's attorney.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely,

unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings, comments, or petitions to intervene must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and Jesse.Reyes@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, D.T.E. 03-49; (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact:
Jesse S. Reyes, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, tel. (617) 305-3500.